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(b) what is the amount realized by Government by way of fees for registration of motor vehicles in the City of Madras for the same period;

(c) what proportion of these amounts is spent for the advantages of the passengers and the motor owners; and

(d) whether the Government propose to reduce the rate of registration and inspection fees for motor vehicles?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have called for the information.
(d) No.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state why the Government do not propose to reduce the registration and inspection fees for motor vehicles?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"Government do not think it necessary."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Then, Sir, how do they come to any conclusion before the matter has been investigated and the report has been supplied to them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"We have considered the question before."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Then, Sir, may I ask why they have called for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"Sir, we have called for the information and, if there is any necessity, I am prepared to consider it again."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Thank you."

Issue of licences to buses and taxis.

* 274 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the period within which the Traffic department, Madras City Police, is expected to finish the examination of a bus or a taxi and issue a licence to the same; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that taxis and buses are sometimes detained for days and sometimes for weeks before licences are issued?

A.—(a) No period has been prescribed.
(b) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"The Government in answer to clause (a) say that no period has been prescribed. Are the Government aware, Sir, that very often it takes three or four days before the registration actually takes place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"I shall make enquiries into the matter."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Is it true, Sir, that those who tip the Police Sergeant or his underlings get their licences early while those who do not care to do so are delayed for weeks?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"I do not believe it, Sir."

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Will the hon. Member make enquiries with regard to it? What I want to know is whether the hon. Member will enquire into the matter? "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Is the hon. Member aware that there is much corruption in the Police with regard to registration of motor? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—Will the hon. Member consider the advisability of getting a register opened wherein the date of receipt of applications and date of the issue of the licences will be entered? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Perhaps it might be given effect to. The suggestion will be considered."

Suspension of buses and taxis.

* 275 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the object that the Police have in view in suspending a bus or a taxi from plying for a fault of the driver who possesses a licence from the Police for driving ; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that some of the stopping-places of buses in the City are inconvenient to the public, and no notice has been taken of the representations made thereon by the public to the Police?

A.—(a) The driver is as much responsible for the due observance of the rules as the owner and, under the rules, the permit may be cancelled by the Commissioner of Police in the City for any breach of the rules and conditions either by the driver or by the owner.

(b) The Government have no information.

Examination of buses and taxis.

* 276 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that according to rules, buses and taxis in the city are examined, and that after they are approved, licences are issued for a period of six months;

(b) if so, what is the reason for the City Traffic department calling upon the owners of such buses and taxis, even before a month lapses after the licence is issued, to carry out additional repairs and renewal of hoods, paint and other parts ; and

(c) whether the officer who tests and examines the engine and other parts of a bus or a taxi plying for hire in the city, before it is licensed, is a qualified motor engineer or only a lay Police Officer?

A.—(a) Under condition 4 of the G permit issued under the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules and under rule 16 of the Madras Motor Cab Rules the owner of every bus and taxi in the City should